

FIRST SEMESTER U.G. (C.S.S.) DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2009
A 02—CRITICAL REASONING, WRITING AND PRESENTATION
(Common Course)

Time : Three Hours

Total Weightage : 30

I. **A.** Answer the following bunches of questions as directed : (3 x 1 = 3 weightage)

- 1 Pick out the correctly spelt word : (a) acomodate ; (b) acomodate (c) acomodate ; (d) acomodate.
- 2 NABARD is an example of an (a) acronym ; (b) abbreviation ; (c) archaism ; (d) article.
- 3 BPO is (a) Business Process Outsourcing ; (b) Block Planning Officer ; (c) Business Planning Officer ; (d) Business Plan. Outsourcing.
- 4 Which of the flowing are uncountable nouns: (a) Chicken (as a bird) ; (b) bread ; (c) Chicken (as meat) ; (d) both ; (b) and (c).

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- 5 My sister is working in —university (a) an ; (b) a ; (c) both : (a) and (b) ; (d) none of these.
- 6 Periods are used with abbreviations: (a) True ; (b) False.
- 7 Correct by replacement: One of the boys is came (a) boy ; (b) are : comes ; (d) coming.
- 8 Gandhi died — January 30 1948. (a) on ; (b) at ; (c) for ; (d) in.

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- 9 "The event A occurred before the event B. Therefore A is the cause of B". This is an example for which of the following fallacies ? (post hoc, slippery slop complex question, red herring).
- 10 An Ice Breaking Session. is intended to : (establish rapport with the audience, make the arguments sound, explain the details more effectively, make a convincing conclusion).
- 11 Presentation with LCD projector will be most suitable for an audience of more than — people? (10,5,15, more than 100).
- 12 The abbreviation used in academic writing to refer to pages is (a) pp ; (b) et.al ;(c) p.a. ; (d) re.

II. Answer in a sentence or two all the *nine* questions :

(9 x 1 = 9 weightage)

- 13 What is *post hoc fallacy* ? Give an example.
- 14 Explain *divine fallacy* with an example.
- 15 List any *two* strategies to develop critical thinking.
- 16 Some people believe that god is in heaven. Is this an opinion or a fact ?
- 17 What do you mean by print resources ? Give examples.
- 18 Name some electronic resources.

20) Mention one strategy to capture the attention of the reader/audience.

21 Pick out the conjunction and explain the function of the conjunction in the given sentence

Lekha and Meera are friends.

III. Answer any *five* questions out of 7 in a paragraph each (5 x weightage)

22 Major criteria of critical thinking.

23 Write a paragraph on resources in general.

24 Explain Sandwich quote.

25 The use of Capitalization.

26 Read the name of the eight countries and write down the word for the corresponding language and people (Eg: Italy Italian - Italians) (This question may be treated as two bunches of one weightage each)

(a) England China Spain Greece.

(b) Portugal France Poland The United States.

27 Non-verbal communication techniques.

28 Tips for effective beginning of an essay.

IV. Answer any *in* out of the three given in about 200 words (2 x weightage)

29 What are major the benefits of and barriers to critical thinking ?

30 Discuss the various types of Visual Presentation Aids, their proper use and advantages.

31 What are the different steps involved in writing process ?